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TAGS: ELAB, TH

SUBJ: LABOR DEVELOPMENTS

1. THAI LABOR LEADERS PHAISAN THAWATCHAINAN AND SUNTHON KAEONET TOLD EMBASSY LABOR OFFICER THAT PRIME MINISTER KRIANGSAK CHAMANAN HAS REQUESTED LEADERS FROM ALL RECOGNIZED UNIONS MEET HIM ON NOVEMBER 19 AT SUPREME HEADQUARTERS TO PRESENT RECOMMENDATIONS ON RTG LABOR POLICY. SUNTHON SAID THAT ALTHOUGH CONSULTATIONS AMONG LABOR LEADERS IN PREPARATION FOR MEETING ARE STILL IN PROGRESS RECOMMENDATIONS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY INCLUDE A) OFFICIAL REGISTRATION OF LABOR CONGRESS OF THAILAND, B) UNEQUIVOCAL INCLUSION OF STATE ENTERPRISES IN COVERAGE OF LABOR RELATIONS ACT OF 1975, C) LIFTING OF MARTIAL LAW RESTRICTIONS ON UNION ACTIVITIES TO ALLOW MEETINGS AND EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS WITHOUT SPECIAL POLICE PERMITS, D) REMOVING DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FROM MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND RAISING ITS STATUS TO INDEPENDENT BUREAU AND E) PERSONNEL CHANGES IN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, IN PARTICULAR REPLACEMENT OF DIRECTOR GENERAL SUWIT YINGWORAPHAN BY FORMER DG NIKOM CHANDRAVITHUM, FORMER DEPUTY DG PORN UDOMPONG OR FORMER DEPUTY DG WICHIT SAENGTHONG.

2. IN A LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 14, 1977, WINYU ANGKHANARAK, UNDER SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, INSTRUCTED DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO RECONSIDER THE LABOR CONGRESS OF THAILAND'S APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS EMPLOYEE COUNCIL UNDER SECTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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120 OF THE LABOR RELATIONS ACT OF 1975. PRIOR TO LATEST COUP, LCT LEADERS HAD APPEALED LABOR DG SUTIT YINGWORAPHAN'S REJECTION OF APPLICATION.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH ECONOMIC COULSELOR, FORMER LABOR DG NIKOM CHANDRAVITHUM SAID HE HAS DISCUSSED LABOR MATTERS WITH NEW PRIME MINISTER KRIANGSAK CHAMANAN ON SEVERAL RECENT OCCASIONS

AND IS VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT CURRENT TREND OF EVENTS. NIKOM  
SAID HE FEELS PERSONALLY TORN BETWEEN PRESENT WORK AT ILO AND  
ACCEPTING POSITION IN NEW RTG. HE EXPRESSED HOPE USG WOULD IN  
FUTURE BE GENEROUS IN PROVIDING AID TO BOTH THAI LABOR MOVEMENT  
AND RTG DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.  
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